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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6629

BILL NUMBER: HB 1305

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Plumbing Consumer Safety Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Niezgodski

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that: (1) whenever a plumbing inspector (inspector) conducts an inspection of a construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvements, the inspector shall verify at each point of inspection that each person acting as a plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber holds a valid plumbing license; (2) if the inspector submits a report to the Division of Fire and Building Safety (the Division), the report must indicate whether the plumbing was performed by a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed journeyman plumber; and (3) if the report to the Division indicates that plumbing was not performed by a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed journeyman plumber, the Division of shall notify the Indiana Plumbing Commission of the performance of the plumbing by someone other than a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed journeyman plumber.

The bill requires a county, municipality, or township (unit) that issues a permit for the repair, alteration, or construction of a building or improvements to: (1) require compliance with the licensing requirements for plumbing contractors and journeyman plumbers; and (2) notify the Plumbing Commission if the unit has reason to believe that plumbing was not performed by a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed journeyman plumber.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Division of Fire and Building Safety-* The Division would require some additional administrative time to complete the requirements of the bill. The Division would have to review reports received from local plumbing inspectors to determine if the report needed to be forwarded to the Plumbing Commission. It is likely the Division would be able to accomplish this additional responsibility within existing resources.

Plumbing Commission- The Plumbing Commission may have more potential violations to address in subsequent business meetings of the Commission as a result of the bill. It is likely the additional hearings could be accomplished within the existing schedule of business meetings of the Commission. The Commission is scheduled to meet six times during CY 2013.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local units of government that issue permits would have to insure that their permit holders are complying with state licensing requirements. Local units could require persons wishing to acquire a local permit if they are licensed at the time of applying for the permit. It is likely that local authorities would be able to notify the Plumbing Commission of potential violations within existing resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Homeland Security (Division of Fire and Building Safety); Plumbing Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government that issue plumbing permits or employ plumbing inspectors.

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency.

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